"The South 40"
by JAMES A SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

1969 for most farmers was a good year. Prices of Flue and Dark Tobacco were up. During the last two quarters prices of hogs strengthened. Cattle prices continued to make modest gains. Wheat and corn prices were the most depressed of our salable farm commodities.

The year was third in succession having sub-normal rainfall. There were also more days with temperatures 32 or less than in the past three years.

Most residents were aware that the fall was dry. The lack of rainfall has left its tell-tale signs on lawns, small grain and pasture. From August 21 to December 7 (109 days) 3.54 inches of rain was recorded.

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Three tax meetings are being offered. Tonight at Evergreen school, 7:30, the information will be directed toward individuals. One meeting will be held on Tuesday the 13th at the District Extension Office - Appomattox, 9:45 a.m., and another at Pamplin School on Friday, Jan. 16 at 7:15 p.m. Both meetings will be directed toward the farmer or part-time farmer.

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I haven't read the book, but it was pointed out recently that if you want to read a shocker, try "Famine 1975."

The book deals with the immense problem of feeding an exploding population. The authors emphasize that we are approaching a turning point in human affairs.

It's pointed out that America has very little surplus food and cannot possibly provide the food that will be needed to prevent famine in future years.

So, the home vegetable and fruit garden may become increasingly more important in the future. They provide beneficial exercise and essential food.

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There has been much criticism leveled at pesticides. Much of which has come from uninformed sources which regard all pesticides as lethal poisons.

Chemicals are classified according to their relative toxicity and assigned numerical toxicity ratings. The rating, called LD-50, stands for the lethal dose required to kill 50 percent of the test animals. The LD-50 for common table salt is 3320 and for aspirin is 750.

In everyday language this means that 9 ounces of salt or 2 ounces of aspirin would likely kill a 200-pound man. Likewise a dose expected to kill a 50-pound child would be one-fourth of that estimated for the 200-pound man.

Looking now at herbicides used for the control of weeds in Appomattox, one-third are less toxic than table salt and more than one-half are less toxic than aspirin. Thus the majority of presently used herbicides are no more poisonous than many chemicals used daily.

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Now is the time to plan your next garden. Most gardeners and homeowners know that a pH of 6.0 or below is unsuitable for most garden plants. Potatoes are an exception as they do well in the pH range of 5.0 to 6.0. The pH range for beans, cucumbers, parsnips, peppers, radish, and squash should be 6.0 to 6.5, although they will do fairly well from 5.5 to 6.0 while for asparagus, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, peas, and spinach the range should be 6.0 to 7.0.

Take a soil sample from 10 to 12 places in your garden, put it in a clean paper bag and we'll run the test.

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What's been said of gardens is true for lawns. Consequently, do not depend on a marginal pH to produce a satisfactory crop or lawn.

Too often laymen think that a pH of 6.0 is just a little more acid than 7.0, but this is not the case. The measure of acidity of a soil at pH 6.0 is 10 times more acid than at pH 7.0, while at 5.0 it is 100 times more acid and at a pH of 4.0 the strength of the acidity is 1,000 times that at pH 7.0.

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Details Given On Grain Program

Producers in Appomattox County will receive notice of their feed grain bases and an explanatory leaflet on the 1970 feed grain program in January, according to J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

Sign-up period for the voluntary farm programs—including wheat and cotton as well as feed grains — will be February 2 through March 20.

The 1970 feed grain program will be much like th 1969 program, the ASC committee chairman said. Provisions of the 1970 wheat and cotton programs were announced earlier. Mr. Alvis gave the following details on the feed grain program:

1. Acreage diversion and diversion payments.

Minimum diversion at 20 per cent of a farm's feed grain base acreage will be required for program participation. No payment will be made for this first 20 percent diversion, except for small farms.

Payments will be made for additional diversion of corn, grain sorghum, and barley. Maximum acreage that can be diverted for payment will be the larger of 30 percent of a farm's feed grain base or 25 acres less the qualifying 20 per cent diversion. Payment rate for this additional diversion will be based on 40 percent of the total county price support (loan plus support payment) times a farm's projected yield of the crops involved. No advance diversion payments will be made.

Upper limits will be established on the per - bushel rate which will be paid for the additional voluntary diversion of feed grain acres. The maximum payments will be: for corn, 60 cents per bushel; for grain sorghum, 55 cents per bushel (not bundredweight); for barley, 45 cents per bushel.

2. Price - support loans and payments.

National average price - support loan rates on all feed grains will be the same as in 1969. However, corn loan rates, while unchanged, will be at $1.08 per bushel, "No. 2" basis — which is equal to the 1969 level of $1.05 for average quality.

The national average loan levels of the other feed grains will be: grain sorghum, $1.61 per hundredweight; barley, 83 cents per bushel; oats, 63 cents per bushel; rye, $1.02 per bushel. (Price - support is required by law for oats and rye, but there are no provisions for acreage limitations.)

Price-support payment rates will be : corn, 30 cents per bushel; grain sorghum, 53 cents per hundredweight; barley, 20 cents per bushel. Price - support payment for a farm's projected yield times the smaller of the planted acreage or 50 per cent of the farm's feed grain base.

3. Small farm provisions.

A farm with a feed grain base of 25 acres or less will be able to qualify for payment on the first 20 per cent of its diverted acreage, with the payment rates based on 20 percent of the total county support rate times projected yield. For the remaining diverted acreage on small farms, the diversion payment will be based on the 40 per cent payment rate, subject to the maximum limitations.

Producers with feed grain bases of up to 125 acres will have the option of temporarily reducing their base to 25 acres to become eligible for the small farm provisions. In such case, no corn, grain sorghum, or barley is to be planted for harvest on the farm and the temporary 25 acre feed grain base must be put to conserving uses.

4. Other program provisions

Soybeans planted in lieu of feed grains will not earn price support payments.

Malting barley will not be covered from diversion requirements in 1970 since supplies are more than adequate to meet needs.

Substitution provisions relating to wheat and feed grain acreage will continue as in previous years.

Announcement will be made prior to sign-up time on production of substitute crops on diverted acres.

Request Assembly To Promote More Tourism

The Permanent Committee on Recreation of the Virginia Association of Counties which was headed by Martha Pennino, Farifax Supervisor from the Centreville District and on which Otho W. Martin, ..., Chairman, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors served called on the General Assembly to establish a fund and program to increase tourism in the State of Virginia.

"The Committee recognized the fact if the General Assembly would appropriate the necessary money, a much needed promotional program would increase tourism and would be an economic benefit to the localities and the State", said Martha Pennino, the State Committee Chairman.

"My Committee also requested that the State's Outdoor Commission on Recreation prepare a brochure which would list what State and Federal Funds are available for land acquisition and development of parks." The State of Virginia is beginning to put a lot of emphasis on planning with the establishment of the State Planning Office.

"The Committee feels this State Planning Office should be required to help those counties that want and request State help in park and recreational programs. We've had enough emphasis on planning, we need some action programs to implement plans".

The annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Counties was held in December in Williamsburg, and the full meeting endorsed unanimously the Committe's report and resolution.

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Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Graham A. Pitsenberger, of Appomattox, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carlene Joy, to Mr. Joe Brodell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Brodell is a graduate of Oklahoma State University where he received his B. S. and M. S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed by the Naval Weapons Laboratory at Dahlgren, Virginia.

Miss Pitsenberger is a Junior at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia where she is majoring in Sociology and Elementary Education.

They plan to be married January 31, 1970.

Ugly Doll' Is Very Popular

The so-called "Ugly Doll" is a popular one with collectors, says Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Sr. About the first "Doughgirl" doll made in 1861, Demand is upfor dolls made from the original mold by William Harvey, of a ceramic figure made to look like a lady of the Civil War era. Mrs. Drury Woodson, who named her nickname "Doughgirl" by feeding Confederate and Union soldiers returning home. Collectors, Mrs. Harvey says, are requesting the original version rather than a "pretty one" fashioned later by Irving William.

Attends Health Conference In D.C.

Miss Sue Paulette, a senior in the School of Nursing, Va. Commonwealth University in Richmond, attended conferences in Washington, D.C. and Bethesda, Md., January 2 -6 as a member of National Organizations of Students of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. This interdisciplinary workshop involved discussions of vital issues relating to the nation's health care and student involvement. A tour of the National Institutes of Health, combining host for the conferences, was included in the program.

Miss Paulette, a director of the National Student Nurses' Association, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Paulette of Evergreen.

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Fund Given In Memory Of Jean Brown Ogg

A gift has been made to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home of Virginia, Newport News in memory of Jean Brown Ogg who passed away on July 7, 1969.

Mrs. Ogg, wife of Wiley Ogg, Jr., of Newport News, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Brown, of Appomattox was a 1962 graduate of Appomattox High and a 1964 graduate of Averett College.

Mr. Ogg and his daughter, little Katherine Ruth Ogg, visited the Brown home during the holidays.

Appo Elementary Cafeteria Menu

Menu for the week of Jan. 12—

Monday – Ham biscuits, peanut butter crackers, green vegetable, sweet potatoes, fruit and milk.

Tuesday – Bologna sandwich, whipped potatoes - gravey, mixed greens, jaggery, milk.

Wednesday – Hamburger on bun, cole slaw, potato chips, fruit, milk.

Thursday – Sausage pattie, hot rolls, string beans, celery strips, banana pudding-topping, milk.

Friday – Vegetable - beef soup or tomato soup, crackers, toasted cheese sandwich or peanut butter sandwich, fruit, ice cream, milk.

UDC Dinner January 15

Mrs. Carrie Gilbert will be the special speaker Thursday, Jan. 15 for a "Dutch treat dinner" at Maude's for UDC members and their guests. Each year the United Daughters of the Confederacy honor the memories of Maury, Lee and Jackson with special meetings and ceremonies. Arrangements for the dinner are being made by Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson.

Dinner hour will be 6:15 p.m. and members are asked to make reservations with Mrs. Lawson or Mrs. Cliff Plunkett.

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Social Notes

Dinner guests New Year's Eve of Mrs. Irving C. Moses were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Garrett and family, Teddy, Gerlynn Mrs. Margaret Orrtrie, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Garrett. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kruer of Arlington. They spent the week end with her mother.

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Mrs. L. L. Schwemer, of Spout Spring who broke her back in an accident, was expected home this week from Virginia Baptist Hospital where she has been a patient.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mays visited Mrs. Irving C. Moses Sunday Afternoon. Others included Mrs. Billy Coleman and daughters, Diane and Sharon Mrs. Margaret Orrtrie, Mr. and Mrs. Len Love and son Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spiggle.

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Mrs. Irving C. Moses was a dinner guest in the Spiggle home for Christmas Eve dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Garrett had their children as dinner guests Christmas evening: Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeVeque of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Garrett and her mother, Mrs. Irving C. Moses.

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Mrs. Vergil Hudson spent several days in Richmond last week visiting friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Vaughan and son, Bill, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dunnavent, of Lynchburg.

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Mrs. W. R. Stratten and Mrs A. A. Babcock recently visited their brother H. B. Scruggs of Concord.

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William Harvey was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson of Alexandria during his visit to the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Sr. were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Don Moses and family.

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Mrs. Gladys Woodson is spending several weeks in Clearwater, Florida visiting friends.

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Homemakers To Meet 13th

The Oakville Young Homemakers club will meet Tuesday evening, January 13th, at 7 o'clock at Kings' Market. Mr. Clarence Franlin will give a demonstration on meat cutting.

Mr. Harry G. Johnson is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

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Cadets Kenneth H. Coleman and Thomas W. Lawson, students at Virginia Military Institute returned to school on Wednesday after spending the Holidays with their families here.

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Mrs. A. J. Zastrow is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital where she is receiving treatment.

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Cadets Ken Coleman and Tom Lawson and Cadet Mike Strickland of Portsmouth, spent the past week end in the Washington, D. C. area. While there they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Montgomery of Annandale.

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William Harvey returned home Sunday after spending several days in Blacksburg with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Elder.

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The Rev. Floyd M. Lucas recently visited friends in Elkton, Shenandoah and his brother H. E. Lucas, of Waynesboro.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kelly, of Culpeper, were guests of her brother — in - law and sister, Judge and Mrs. George F. Abbitt during the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Torrence Jr., of Blacksburg, spent the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. George Abbitt.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Babcock of Lynchburg, June Babcock of Concord, and Byron Babcock of Virginia Beach recently visited their parents, Mr and Mrs. A. A. Babcock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King entertained at a buffet dinner Christmas Eve at their home on Ferguson Street. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holt and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. R. Murrell Ferguson and Richard, and Mr. J. R. Shuford.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Hudson and daughter, Pat, motored to Clarksville Sunday where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. King, Sr. of Ararat, were guests during the holidays of their son and daughter - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Quarrier have returned to their home in West Seneca, New York after spending the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. George F. Abbitt.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor of Chatham visited the A. A. Babcock during the week end.

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Club Hears Nursing Supt.

Intensive "one to one" training of the severely retarded can bring about radical improvement, said Mrs. Bertha Corr, superintendent of nurses, Lynchburg Training School and Hospital. (Photo on page one)

Speaking Monday evening to the Appomattox Woman's Club at the Rescue Squad Building she told of the training given patients with the lowest I.Q.'s and those with the highest. The "one to one" means one nurse or aide to each patient, she explained.

Job training for higher grade retarded men and women enables them to become laundresses, nurses' aides, janitors, waitresses, construction workers, serving station attendants and other positions in short supply all over Virginia, she said.

For the severely and profoundly retarded intensive training results in more self-help by the patient, she said, and in some cases almost remarkable improvement in their adjustment to surroundings.

A new program begun in 1966 reaches 200 of the 600 to 800 severely retarded in the hospital who can benefit. "We work constantly on many simple things," said Mrs. Corr. Being able to march around in a circle, to roll a ball, to follow simple instructions from a "Sing and Dance" teacher record is real achievement for some.

The hospital can use volunteer help of all kinds, Mrs. Corr said. She asked the members to save empty plastic containers from - dishwashing liquids, etc. They make good playthings, she said, and an "accidental pitch toward a window won't break it."

Population of the 3,000 patient hospital is growing, Mrs. Corr said. About 100 leave each year to go home, seek jobs, etc, but 200 patients come into the hospital. Although a tax - paid institution, the hospital en - courages families to help pay the enormous costs with some paying $10 a month in an upward sale to $191 a month.

Biggest problem for the mentally retarded is "going outside" to work, she said, is that the man or woman who is "high on the totem pole" on the hospital grounds is "low man" outside. With adequate preparation the retarded make good workers, she said. One of their biggest problems is use of leisure time.

Mrs. Ruth Goff, who accompanied Mrs. Corr, showed slides of activities at the hospital.

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM ERNEST LAYNE, SR.

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Ernest Layne, Sr. of Spout Spring celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, December 28, 1969 with Open House in the Fellowship Hall of Union Methodist Church given by their children.

Mr. Layne is retired from the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne, the former Leonie Estelle McFadden, have made their home in Spout Spring. They are parents of six children and seven grandchildren. The children include Mrs. Estelle McFadden, Mrs. Pauline McFadden, Mrs. Bettie Thomas and Mr. William E. Layne, Jr. of Spout Spring, Mr. Jack D. Layne of Appomattox and Mrs. Florence Johnson of Lynchburg.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson co-chairman along with Mrs. John McLean of the Health and Welfare Dept.

The Woman's Club made additional plans for operating the canteen during the January 27 Bloodmobile visit here. Mrs. L. L. Stanley is chairman.

The February meeting will be a display of painting and craftwork with Mrs. J. Lloyd Hudson as chairman.

Hostesses were Mrs. Crawford Davidson and Mrs. Theo Lewis.

Guests included numerous friends and relatives.

The refreshment table carried out a golden theme using the anniversary cake and flowers with a very unique love seat cake decorated with white and yellow icing presented to Mr. and Mrs. Layne by their neice, Mrs. Donald Day of Richmond.

Mrs. Layne was presented a corsage of yellow carnations and Mr. Layne a yellow boutonniere.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne were married December 27, 1919 in Liberty Baptist Church Parsonage by the Late Rev. G. A. Chocklett.

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